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TAGS: PINS, NU

SUBJECT: EL CENTROAMERICANO CALLS FOR END OF STATE OF SIEGE

1. SINCE CENSORSHIP WAS APPLIED DECEMBER 28, NICARAGUA'S THIRD NEWSPAPER, EL CENTROAMERICANO OF LEON (CIRC. 3000) HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN THE LEAST AFFECTED. IT HAS PUBLISHED SEVERAL ARTICLES AND EDITORIALS CRITICAL OF THE GON EVEN PRINTING ONE ARTICLE WHICH PLACED THE BLAME FOR CONDITIONS WHICH LED TO THE LOS ROBLES TERRORIST INCIDENT SQUARELY ON THE SOMOZA GOVERNMENT. IN ITS MARCH 1 ISSUE, EL CENTROAMERICANO GOES A STEP FURTHER WITH AN EDITORIAL SIGNED BY ITS DIRECTOR, RODOLFO ABAUNZA SALINAS, "RESPECTFULLY" ASKING PRESIDENT SOMOZA TO LIFT MARTIAL LAW "WHICH IS PREJUDICIAL TO THE ENTIRE REBPUBLIC." ABAUNZA ISSUES THIS CALL ON NICARAGUA'S NATIONAL REPORTER'S DAY AND CONCLUDES THAT NOT ONLY DO THE REASONS FOR MARTIAL LAW NO LONGER EXIST BUT THE MEASURE IS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

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2. COMMENT: EL CENTROAMERICANO'S LIMITED CIRCULATION,

MOSTLY IN THE LEON AREA, MAKES IT AN IRRITANT WHICH THE  
GON HAS SO FAR BEEN ABLE TO IGNORE. IN ADDITION, ITS  
POSITION AS THE DEAN OF THE NICARAGUAN PRESS--FOUNDED IN  
1917--AND THE PRESTIGE OF ITS ICONOCLASTIC DIRECTOR WHO  
BELONGS TO ONE OF LEON'S OLDEST AND MOST RESPECTED LIBERAL  
PARTY FAMILIES MAKE RETALIATORY ACTION BY THE GON UNLIKELY.  
FYI: IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PARTICULAR ABAUNZA BROKE WITH THE  
LIBERAL PARTY ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO. END FYI.  
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